

Introduced by Senator Alquist

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 106—Relative to California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 106, as introduced, Alquist. California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week.

This measure would proclaim August 6 through August 12, 2006, as California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week, and would urge all Californians to familiarize themselves with the causes of chronic kidney disease and the importance of intervention to promote sustained health and a better quality of life.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease is estimated to be present
2 in more than 4 percent of adults in California, many of whom are
3 unaware of the problem; and
4 WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease can progress to end stage
5 renal disease (ESRD), which requires a continuous course of
6 dialysis therapy or a kidney transplant to maintain life; and
7 WHEREAS, There are more than 35,000 people with ESRD in
8 the state; and
9 WHEREAS, There is no cure for chronic kidney disease, but
10 there is abundant medical evidence showing that its recognition
11 and treatment can delay or prevent the onset of ESRD; and
12 WHEREAS, ESRD is usually the result of years of chronic
13 kidney disease caused by diabetes mellitus, high blood pressure,
14 inherited conditions, or other insult to the kidneys; and

1 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the number one cause of chronic
2 kidney disease in the United States, accounting for more than 43
3 percent of new ESRD cases in 1999; and

4 WHEREAS, Uncontrolled high blood pressure is the second
5 leading cause of chronic kidney disease in the United States,
6 accounting for 26 percent of new ESRD cases in 1999; and

7 WHEREAS, Severe high blood pressure causes kidney
8 malfunction over a relatively short period of time, but even mild
9 forms of high blood pressure can damage kidneys over several
10 years, with no symptoms evident until there is serious damage;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease causes high blood
13 pressure, or worsens existing high blood pressure, and
14 accelerates damage to the kidneys; and

15 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of
16 death in patients with chronic kidney disease; and

17 WHEREAS, Public policy initiatives targeted at early
18 identification, for controlling cardiovascular risk factors, and
19 early intervention in those with diabetes mellitus and high blood
20 pressure can reduce both the serious long-term effects of chronic
21 kidney disease on the population, and the significant economic
22 burden on individuals and society; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims August 6
25 through August 12, 2006, as California Chronic Kidney Disease
26 Education Week, and urges all Californians to familiarize
27 themselves with the causes of chronic kidney disease and the
28 importance of intervention, to promote sustained health and a
29 better quality of life; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
31 this resolution to the author for distribution.